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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1276 crashes as compared to 1119 crashes in March of 2005. This was an increase of 14.0%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by three crashes. In actual numbers there were 6 fatal crashes in March 2006 and 9 fatal crashes in March 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 17.2% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 64 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 2 fatalities; 9 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 53 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,263 crash reports and 373 arrest reports during March 2006. This resulted in 6,972 crash reports being mailed out, 1.2% more than last year. There were 1393 visitors to the front office that required services which was an increase of 105.6 % when compared to March 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 27,783 CAD incidents and 33,751 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 49.9% in March 2006, as compared to March 2005. Total DUI arrests were up 19.4% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 8.2% as compared to March 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up nearly 64% over March 2005.

Southern Command personnel are striving to enhance public safety through contact with the public. We are striving to enhance public safety and impact the traffic trends of the Las Vegas Valley for the betterment of all individuals using our roadway system. The staff of the Southern Command through newly increased staffing has broadened the ability of public / officer contacts in the hope of having a proportionately comparable decrease in negative traffic issues. The Southern Command commends all of those in our command area that are working toward the betterment of public safety.

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## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March 2006	March 2005	% Change	February 2006	% Change
Total crashes	1276	1203	6.1%	1119	14.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	961	870	10.5%	836	15.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	309	324	-4.6%	273	13.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6	9	-33.3%	10	-40.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	75	61	23.0%	57	31.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	14	9	55.6%	10	40.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	5	4	25.0%	3	66.7%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	3	-66.7%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	6	1	500.0%	2	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	75	64	17.2%	53	41.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	64	40	60.0%	44	45.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	19	-52.6%	9	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	5	-60.0%	0	200.0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.04 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.8 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 42.8 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.8 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 6.1 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes were up 17.2 % from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes decreased 4.6 % from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	March 2006		March 2005	% Change		February 2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	66		61	8.2%		57	15.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	181		118	53.4%		192	-5.7%
Other arrests	1060		726	46.0%		1008	5.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	444		340	30.6%		445	-0.2%
Speed violations	3281		2099	56.3%		2676	22.6%
Hazardous moving violations	2840		1842	54.2%		1937	46.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	620		378	64.0%		466	33.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	11153		7438	49.9%		8966	24.4%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	154		69	123.2%		53	190.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	256		122	109.8%		89	187.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	731		681	7.3%		510	43.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	6		0	600.0%		11	-45.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	336		126	166.7%		194	73.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1404		1027	36.7%		1010	39.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	93		71	31.0%		67	38.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	93		103	-9.7%		48	93.8%
Total school buses inspected	275		50	450.0%		268	2.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	38		3	1166.7%		55	-30.9%
Total trucks weighed	81		13	523.1%		1075	-92.5%
Total overweight citations	70		4	1650.0%		41	70.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	502		403	24.6%		507	-1.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	11		2	450.0%		3	266.7%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		18		2
Safety Violations Citation	0		18		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		48		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		6		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.162 %
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 8.0 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 6.0 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 49.9.0 % from last year and up 24.4 % from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 123 % from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 7.3 % from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February 2006		February 2005	% Change		January 2006	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Trans. From Consoles	131,976		N/A	N/A		125,990	4.8%
Radio Trans & Receptions	707,376		N/A	N/A		555,703	27.3%
CAD Incidents	27,783		21,689	28.1%		22,283	24.7%
Telephone Calls	33,751		35,131	-3.9%		29,325	15.1%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	125		105	19.0%		81	54.3%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,263		1,019	23.9%		1056	19.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	373		362	3.0%		413	-9.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15		24	-37.5%		4	275.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	152		186	-18.3%		110	38.2%
Visitors at Counter	1,392		677	105.6%		1200	16.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,972		6,888	1.2%		6,206	12.3%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	310		364	198.0 %		1347	661.0 %
Warrants Entered	239		247	-61.0 %		139	17.8 %
Warrants Cleared	198		267	181.4 %		453	20.5 %
Warrants Validated	1,566		1,530	-78.5 %		351	-89.2 %
Extradition / Transports	8		18	83.3 %		10	10.0 %
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	105		86	22.1 %		97	8.2 %
New Items Submitted	167		139	20.1 %		161	3.7 %
Items Disposed	13		173	92.5 %		115	-88.7.5 %

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<http://nhp.nv.gov/index.htm>**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 18 Contracts requiring 669.35 work hours, billing \$ 41,530.17.

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 87.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 10.5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigations responsible for 1.00 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshall responsible for 1.00 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- ✱ 6 Speed Enforcement missions were flown
- ✱ 1 prisoner transport.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- ✱ 4 from the public to sworn
- ✱ 7 from the command to sworn

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

On March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

**HEAT RACING PROGRAM:**

Beat the Heat started right where it left off in 2005. The Midnight Mayhem series continued on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The HEAT Camaro was again a crowd favorite. The Nevada Highway Patrol remains in contact with the drag strip management and are identifying ways to make the program bigger and more popular.

**Public Requests for Information: 219**

12 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints  
207 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

**Press releases: 16**

10 were Fatal related

"The Gate of Change is Locked on the INSIDE."

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